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Up along the hard road there is a signboard, which is written in large, bright letters: "He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely."—Cyril.

William H. Goetz

No one whose acquaintance and association with William H. Goetz has been at all extended can write of his sudden death with other than a sense of the keenest personal loss. To every department of the Star-Bulletin the death of "Bully" Goetz is a blow not easy to sustain. He was a man who brought to his vocation and to his daily tasks not only energy and ability but a sense of duty and a high regard for faithful performance.

He had been connected with the Star-Bulletin as its superintendent and head of the mechanical department since the establishment of this paper and had previously been with the Hawaiian Star, the Gazette and the Evening Bulletin. In social and fraternal life his capacity for loyal friendship had won him the highest standing.

In the sense that death has come to him in the prime of life, the death of William H. Goetz is a tragedy. Yet so well did he perform his apportioned duties that it might be said he was always ready to be summoned before the Master of the Great Lodge.

TALKING IT OVER

That the tax-payers and voters of the fifth district are thinking in the up-to-date terms of the progress was shown by the meeting of the Taxpayers' Improvement Association last night. Discussion was free and fair, and though there was plenty of opposition to immediate application of the frontage-tax system, it was not opposition to the frontage-tax principle itself. Fifth district property-owners feel that before the frontage-tax plan is applied, the fifth district should be put on something like a par with the fourth district so far as street improvements are concerned, in view of the large amounts sent from the general fund for fourth district improvements in the past few years.

The bonding plan proposed has some good features and some bad ones. It should be very fully discussed before action is taken on it. As a general rule, it is not good municipal economy for the city to issue general bonds to pay for street improvements.

The encouraging thing about meetings like that of last night is that they show the residents and property-owners are awake to the issues of the hour. Lively discussion, even if some of it is against the frontage-tax, in the end will produce such general enlightenment as to be directly beneficial. These improvement club debates are the best possible factors in the campaign of education needed in Honolulu.

CITY PLANNING MOVEMENT DEVELOPS

City-planning, a subject in which Honolulu is just becoming interested, is attracting wide attention all over the United States. Special attention should be made of a two-weeks' exhibit recently held in New York by the city itself, with the cooperation of the Merchants' Association and the American City Bureau. Four years previously an exhibit of the same character and aim was held in New York and the recent display was calculated to show the progress that has been made in these four years. The New York World gives some interesting details of the exhibit.

The exhibits of England were represented by a housing and garden city exhibit, and also transit. France was represented by model housing and a generous display of the Paris subway. Germany has responded, through the city of Hamburg, with especial attention to the docks, and Berlin, Frankfurt and other places have cooperated. It was hoped before the exhibition closed to show what had been done in Vienna, Budapest and the cities of South America.

In collecting American material special effort has been made to get something from the smaller cities, among which some surprising results have been found.

One of the particularly interesting exhibits consists of photographic reproductions, four feet long, of three of the original paintings of the plan for the city of Washington, which hang in the rooms of the fine arts commission at Washington. The District of Columbia commission are particularly interested in city-housing

reform, sanitation and social welfare generally, and the district exhibit includes plans along these lines.

Practically all the leading city planners of the country are represented with samples of their best work in the form of photographs or drawings, a considerable number of the latter being colored.

Among the notable utterances in connection with this exhibit were the following:

"City-planning is the science and art of community development. It aims toward the systematic co-ordination and development of the physical features and social forces of the city in a manner which shall give greater encouragement and larger opportunity for every legitimate enterprise and ambition of its people. It is altruistic in its intent, and its ultimate object is the making of better citizens as well as better cities."—B. A. Haldeman.

"Many municipal bonds run for fifty years. Cities generally are seeking to issue bonds of that term. The population of the average city doubles in twenty-five years. This means that it quadruples in fifty years—the term of life of municipal bonds.

"We who issue such bonds, and thereby mortgage the funds of the future, should measurably provide for the needs of all who will pay interest and sinking fund charges thereon. Elementary justice requires that in city-planning, we contemplate a future of fifty years and that we conceive of the needs of, and measurably provide for, a population four times the population of today."—Andrew Wright Crawford.

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY

Says the Maui Times of President Wilson's latest message:

"We have, since March 4 of this year, gradually been persuaded that Mr. Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States is a mournful failure. But heretofore we gave him at least credit for having been an intelligent, well-read and well-informed school-teacher. We were wrong. He can't have been even that. In his message to Congress our exalted president displays a deplorable ignorance of the true political relationship between the United States and Hawaii. He seems to have a vague recollection and idea of Hawaii having been bought or conquered like the Philippines or Porto Rico. And we who boasted of being an integral part of the United States!"

The sound arguments in favor of the National Guard as a beneficial factor in this community have been recognized by the Merchants' Association. The merchants yesterday voted to spend \$250 for a campaign of publicity and advertising on behalf of the guard. Properly handled, the campaign should be productive of results and aid in recruiting the guard up to the twelve-company strength desired.

Drunken auto-drivers on Maui get short shrift from the court. The Maui Times chronicles the fact that one of them tried to drive a car while he was under the influence of liquor and had the not unusual experience in such circumstances of upsetting it. Brought into court he pleaded guilty. Did the court dismiss him with a fine? Not so. He was fined and his license cancelled.

The only "eugenic bridegroom" on record has abdicated. He was a hardy soul from Denver, who offered his services to the state board of health. He had 100 offers of marriage from would-be eugenic brides, but the notoriety got too strong for his sensitive soul and he backed out of his agreement. The chances are good that the next we hear from him will be in vaudeville.

Premier Asquith's motor car has been screened with wire to prevent the militants getting at him. It would be almost as easy to give him the vote and be done with it.

Some people call Governor-general Harrison's Philippine policy long-headed and some call it short-sighted. Depends on whether they're getting in or getting out.

Meanwhile cobwebs are gathering over the doorway at The Hague Peace Palace.

After this no municipal dance will be complete without the Fern Frolic.

The price of diamonds is going up again. How these little necessities do cost!

Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

NEED FOR A CITY FORESTER.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: The recommendation of the Ladies' Outdoor Circle to have the position of city forester created in Honolulu should meet with the approval of all lovers of trees and shrubs, and all advocates of a more beautiful city. Upon the appointment of a city forester the law should be strictly enforced against all persons who cut or trim trees on the streets of Honolulu except under the personal supervision of the city forester.

The person appointed to the position should be a lover of trees and shrubs and one who has studied and understands the growth and foliage of the various trees growing in Honolulu, for without such knowledge and intimate understanding of our local trees instead of each tree being treated according to its growth and requirements probably all would be trimmed and treated alike, when we would shortly have an unsightly instead of a beautiful city.

If Mr. G. P. Wilder could be induced to take this position, Honolulu would be the gainer thereby.

J. W. JONES.

TARO PATCHES IN THE CITY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: I have read from time to time in the columns of your paper of the condition of the streets, the prevalence of the mosquito pest, and some of the ways suggested as a remedy, but I have never seen anything regarding the taro patches right in the heart of the residence districts, and the conditions they have toward the

promotion of the sanitary conditions of the city of Honolulu.

I have been in the city of Honolulu for some time and have traveled some around the island of Oahu, and I have also had the misfortune of renting a house near a taro patch, not knowing what it was at the time. I had that it was a hole of stagnant water, and that the smell that arises from it is fearful, especially at night, and that it must be a breeding place for mosquitoes, from the fact that the water is stagnant, in fact to such an extent that a rotten green scum is formed all over the top of it, and that the mosquitoes are worse around the vicinity of the patch than they are away from it. I have been told that the water in a taro patch flows continually, so I secured a piece of wood and placed it in a place where the water was said to be flowing through the patch and the result was it took just 15 minutes for my sick to move two feet—some flowing water, was it not? And this in the city of Honolulu in the midst of a nice residence district. I also saw the Chinamen pulling the taro and noted the offensive odor from the mud and stagnant water.

Why cannot we do away with such a thing as taro patches in our city and have them grow, if they must grow such stuff, in the country or at least outside the city limits? Are not the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean districts had enough a sight for the tourists, the conditions under which they live, and the food that they have hanging out on lines to dry, the dirty little children hanging onto their mothers' dresses, and the offensive smell of the premises, without exposing them to such a disease-breeding, nauseating, plot of ground as the taro patch? And this right in the middle of our American residence district!

Cannot the board of health and the military authorities combine in a war against the taro patch and the mosquito at the same time?

CONSTANT READER.

Honolulu, H. T., Dec. 3, 1913.



Senator William H. Thompson of Kansas has advocated a new party emblem to take the place of the Democratic rooster and donkey. Thompson, who is known as the "baby senator" on account of his youth, is also denominated as the "little giant," by his fellow Kansans, on account of the way he has won honors right straight along in a Republican state.

When campaigning he adopted as his emblem a jack rabbit. His opponent was speaking one day from the platform at a big barbecue, at which a joint debate was held, and knowing Thompson's choice of the bunny, as once pitched into that gentle animal.

"What on earth is more timid, more cowardly than a rabbit?" thundered the speaker. "Nothing! It shivers at the trembling leaf, it runs at the sound of the wind stirring the grass. Why on earth would any sane man take such an emblem? Why would any man aspiring to a seat in Congress wish such a symbol? What can it do that Thompson would wish to imitate?"

Just at this point a lantern-jawed farmer in a corner stood up and removed his tobacco from the hollow of his cheek.

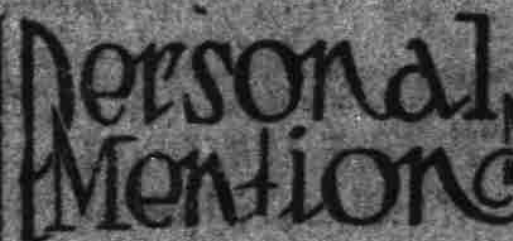
"What kin a rabbit do, Mister?" he chuckled. "Why, it's do jest what Mr. Thompson is doing now in his race for Congress—it kin run like thunder!"

Representative Reed of the state of New Hampshire, Democratic national committeeman from the granite regions, and mayor of Manchester for a number of terms, maintains that in some cases it is better to continue a crook in public or private office than to oust him and get another and untried person for the place.

"There are lots of crooks in politics," said he, "and I guess that the reason the people let them stay is because they are so good upon the situation just the way the directors of the old Concord railroad looked on the case of a certain conductor of that road whom we will call Smith, because that wasn't his name.

"It was in the beginning of the railroad days. This is an old and favorite story in my family, as the road was built by my people and I have an early boyhood recollection of my mother telling the yarn to many people.

"Smith was about the first conductor in that section of the country. All he had to do was to collect money



RICHARD L. HALSEY, inspector in charge of the federal immigration station, is expected to return to Honolulu tomorrow from Hawaii, where he has been on official business.

SIGMUND KAHN of San Francisco who marriage to Miss Alice A. K. Branch, was recently colonized, and Mrs. Kahn will leave for the mainland in the Sierra tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Kahn intend making a tour of the Eastern and Southern states before returning to the coast city, where they will reside permanently.

TRAIN CARRYING BODY OF HUSBAND KILLS WIFE; ANOTHER DEAD

(By Latest Mail)

BROWNSVILLE, Tex.—Two women were killed and another seriously injured when their automobile was struck by a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train near here. The dead are Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Edinburg, Tex., and Mrs. J. E. Anderson of Pharr. Mrs. Rose Fraser of Pharr was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Brown had found her husband dead in bed and the train which killed her was taking his coffin to Edinburg.

and punch tickets. He didn't have to make any returns, there was no check on him, and when it came time to turn in his receipts he threw his collections for the week into the air. The money that came down he kept, and the coin which stayed in the air went to the company.

"Well, some of the directors began to get nervous over Smith's failure to give the company at least a fifty-fifty division of the spoils; so they called him in and told him that his days on the road were at an end.

"Smith begged them to reconsider. He told them that they were mistaken about his dishonesty, as he had not taken a cent of theirs for a long time. In fact, he said he had accumulated quite enough money by knocking down fares, and that for several months he had been absolutely straight.

"Now," said he, "if you fire me and put some one else in my place you'll have to watch him, and you'll never break even. I have taken all I'm going to. I have a house and a horse and carriage and a hundred thousand dollars in property. What more do I want?"

"That's why many a crooked politician stays in office so long. He gets his—and then turns over a new leaf."

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MRS. HANNAH PALMER: The tourist season is undoubtedly going to be large this year, even larger than the year before.

—CHARLES DESKY: It is beginning to look like Christmas again. The windows show it—and we are beginning to feel it.

—MAYOR J. J. FERN: The municipal dance was a grand success last night. Everybody had a good time. I am glad it was given.

—SUPERVISOR MARKHAM: There were easily three thousand persons present at the dance last night at the bathhouse of Kapiolani park.

—ROBERT BREGGONS: I shall put myself at the disposal of District Attorney Jeff McCann on his arrival and be of any service to him possible.

—M. C. PACHECO: The territorial central Democratic committee will meet Tuesday evening and discuss the charges made by Charles Barron against me.

—JAMES ROBERTSON: The Sierra will sail for the coast tomorrow taking the first installment of a quantity of new crop sugar. The vessel will be well laden with island products.

—SUPERVISOR MCLELLAN: Considering the financial condition of the city and county, the new budget is very satisfactory. It probably will

be necessary to register warrants within a short time.

—P. L. WEAVER: I am waiting to see what the supervisors will do with the milk ordinance. The ordinance has been printed and discussed at a public meeting and now it remains for the board to take some action on it.

—SPECIAL OFFICER CALVERT: I propose to show no favoritism in carrying out the orders of the harbor commission agent smoking on the territorial wharves. Skipper and store-dore will suffer alike if they persist in breaking the regulation.

—DETECTIVE CAPT. McDUFFIE: With the co-operation of the prosecution officials and the district court, my department proposes to make it decidedly unpleasant for a large delegation of vagrants, who for some weeks past have infested the slums of Honolulu. The conviction of a quartet yesterday is only a beginning of the campaign.

—JACOB BARRON: I wish to deny the report that I am going to California on any political mission. I am going there to engage in business. I am not mixed with politics in any manner and have no desire to take a hand in the local squabble. I have been here only eight months but during that time have had the best of treatment and do not care to have my friends think that I am implicated in any political dirty-linen washing.

Proof: "Is he really such a fine vocalist?" "You'll think so if you ever happen to hear him singing his own praises."

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